

# ORWIGSBURG HAPPENINGS

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BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, PA

November 2019

*Enjoy Our Beautiful Town During this Special Holiday Season*

## Holly Trail, Festival of Lights & Santa on Dec. 7

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year with much preparation going into planning the activities we enjoy – purchasing gifts for family and friends, decorating the home (inside and out), planning parties, and preparing and cooking the Christmas meal.

Unfortunately for most, more time is spent preparing for (or complaining about) this holiday period than is actually spent enjoying its purpose and meaning. We spend much time preparing for friends and family, but then devote little time actually with them. One study revealed that on Christmas day, the average parent only spends nine minutes playing with their children.

### *Festivities get started early*

No matter how you spend your time preparing for Christmas, one thing is important to point out ... spend more time celebrating than preparing. We invite you to begin the Christmas celebration right here in your hometown.



The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association, local churches, area businesses, the Orwigsburg Lions Club, and the Borough join together to help our community welcome the Christmas season with the annual Festival of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 7 on Centre Square.

The festivities “on the square” begin at 4:30 p.m. with “sounds of the season” music and singing by the Blue Mountain High School Band, Blue Mountain Chamber Singers and the Blue Mountain Middle School Show Choir. Be sure to support the Orwigsburg Lions Club that will be serving up hot and cold food

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## HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Monday, Nov. 11** – Veterans Day service at Bicentennial Park, west end of Centre Square; 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27** – Community-wide Thanksgiving Eve church service; 7 p.m., hosted at Salem UMC, 133 S. Liberty St.

**Saturday, Dec. 7** – Holly Trail, sponsored by the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library; 12 noon to 4 p.m.; tickets and tour program/map available at the Library; call 570-366-1638.

**Saturday, Dec. 7** – Festival of Lights; 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Orwigsburg Centre Square; program, food, entertainment, and trolley ride with Santa.

**Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20-21** – Bethlehem Live; 6 to 8 p.m.; returns to The Lighthouse Church, Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

### OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on these remaining days in 2019 in observance of the stated holidays - Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 24 and 25.

## Celebrate on Dec. 7

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items on the Community Parking Lot.

The Festival of Lights program begins at 5 p.m. The Lamplighter will officially open the Christmas season by lighting the community Christmas tree and Centre Square decorations. All present will light candles, sing carols, and the story and meaning of Christmas will be revealed.

As always, the evening ends with an early arrival by Santa Claus, riding a vintage horse-drawn trolley. The trolley offers a free ride around the Square, enabling children to visit with Santa and share their Christmas hopes and wishes. Lastly, plan a stop at one of our local restaurants for a nice dinner to usher in the Christmas season.

### Orwigsburg Holly Trail

Earlier in the afternoon, travel the Orwigsburg Library's Holly Trail from noon to 4 p.m. Tour some of the town's wonderfully decorated homes and enjoy the traditional tea and cookie stop at Kimmels Church complete with a picture memory, listen to live music, and relax with good friends.

For tickets and more information, contact the Orwigsburg Library at 570-366-1638 or stop by and see its new home on the ground floor of the Independence Square senior living apartments, 216 W. Independence St. Get a tour map and start your Holly Trail trek from the Library on December 7.

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March 16 – The Irish Cabaret @ Hunterdon Hills (HB).....	\$106
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Parade (HB).....	\$48
March 18 – Tribute to ABBA & The Carpenters @ Ceasars (HB).....	\$88
March 21 – Junie B. Jones The Musical @ DADT (HB).....	\$48
March 25 – Kinky Boots @ Fulton Theatre (HB) .....	*\$113
March 28 – Gourmet Shopping (HB).....	\$49
April 10 – Queen Esther Good Friday (HB) .....	*\$126
April 14 – Bill Haley & The Comets @ Mt. Airy .....	\$88
April 18 – Frozen on Broadway (HB).....	\$187

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## From the Desk of the Borough Manager

### Orwigsburg – Leading the Way to Handle Growth

Former Chrysler executive Lee Iacocca, once said: "In the car business, you lead, follow, or get out of the way!"

General George Patton was quoted: "Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way!"



**RANDY MILLER**  
Borough Manager

But these are not original ideas. Historians frequently attribute this statement to founding father Thomas Paine as: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way!" From my perspective it does not matter who made this quote popular. What matters is the philosophy it embodies.

Change is happening – here, locally in Orwigsburg, and the surrounding communities. Route 61 has

been, and continues to be, upgraded to a major artery carrying traffic south to Interstate-78 or north to Interstate-81. This is putting pressure on our community to support growth.

The new Geisinger-St. Luke's Hospital is opening. There will be more than 220 employees in this first

stage of the hospital's development. Another 40 beds are to follow, after the first phase is completed and open for business.

In the same campus will be doctors' offices and support centers. Added development in the form of restaurants, gas stations, and other support services will be inevitable. But what's in it for the Borough of Orwigsburg?



Indications are quite evident that Orwigsburg will play a major part in this support. The employees working at the Geisinger-St. Luke's site are looking for housing. Housing in the area is at a premium and residential growth will happen here. Borough Council is aware of this pressure for growth and is working to keep growth under control and sustained.

Sustained, controlled growth brings added revenue to the Borough in the form of property and Earned Income taxes. New revenue streams are important to help keep inflationary pressures under control. The Borough's "Main Street" shops can prosper and grow under these same development pressures. Here in Orwigsburg, we offer banking, butcher shops, salons, grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants, ice-cream parlors, coffee cafés, and a number of other needed supports.

#### *Time to take the lead*

Why do I raise this? Simply, be aware. Orwigsburg will begin to feel this growth pressure soon. We can either lead or follow. To manage sustained, controlled growth, the Borough should take a position of leading.

Borough Council, the Police, the Streets Department, and our Staff need to be proactive in this growth period. We do not want to be caught in a reactionary position, but rather be in a position of leadership. We want to plan for the future of Orwigsburg and be in control of the growth to come.

In short, we are "Leading the Way."

– Randy Miller, Borough Manager

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## Message from the Council President

### A New Year Brings New Faces and Continuing Challenges



SUSAN MURPHY  
Council President

The holidays are upon us! Thanksgiving is a few weeks away and Christmas soon after. I wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Hopefully the upcoming winter season will be kind to us. On those snowy days, enjoy the down time if you are at home. Get your youngsters outside for some winter fun. Read a book or watch a movie. Teamwork in your neighborhood can make snow shoveling slightly more bearable. If you have to get to work, our streets crew will handle the elements that may cause us driving issues as quickly and efficiently as possible.

#### *Welcome to a new year, 2020!*

With the arrival of a new year, we will once again see changes in the Borough. We look forward to a challenging year keeping Orwigsburg the quaint community everyone loves while making the necessary changes, upgrades and repairs.

On the list will be street projects along with

the normal day-to-day operations. The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) and Orwigsburg Lions Club will again drive many of the community observances and events. Our Police Department will continue to provide 24/7 local coverage to ensure the safety for residents, property owners, and visitors to our community.

When I was first elected to serve on Borough Council in the year 2000, I was truly unaware of what it took to run our Borough. From the water and sewer plants to street maintenance and repairs, the Police Department and our Borough Office, it was an eye-opening experience. Our council meetings are where we work together to help all of the above operate smoothly, efficiently and for the good of our community.

The new year will bring new Borough Council members. Maintaining Orwigsburg as the best community in southern Schuylkill County will continue to challenge all of us. Working together will make that challenge easier.

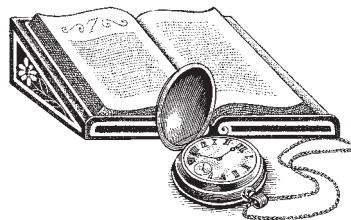
I will be stepping down from Borough Council and as its president at the end of this year. It has been my privilege and honor to have served my community for the past 20 years. Thank you for giving me your trust in helping to keep Orwigsburg the great little town it has become.

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# Veterans Community Memorial Hall

## Nearing Completion; What Still Needs to Be Done?

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce remains focused to work with Orwigsburg Borough for the completion of the Veterans Community Memorial Hall renovation.

The Taskforce continues to meet monthly to assure coordination and fiduciary oversight of the funds raised and received for the project. That funding comes mainly from two streams - (1) direct donations and gifts from community individuals and businesses; and (2) government grants.

Hugely successful, the most recent 2018 Veterans Day Weekend Capital Campaign Dinner, attended by more than 300 persons including many veterans, bolstered contributions and community awareness for the project. These new contributions added to earlier donations raised from the start of Memorial Hall restoration. Civic-minded individuals and local business owners continue to support the completion of the project.

Most recently on the government grant stream of funds, a \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant was received in September last year. The Schuylkill County state legislators - Knowles, Goodman, and Tobash - and Senator Argall



were all instrumental in getting this approved and awarded by Governor Wolf.

The Borough of Orwigsburg, Alfred Benesch and Company, and Taskforce representatives have continued to meet several times each month to ensure the best coordination between the RACP grant submittal and final business plan, and to ensure the best quality outcome for the remaining work.

### *The Veterans Foyer*

Completion of the Veterans Hall of Honor inside the front entrance to Memorial Hall remains paramount to the final stages of renovation. This area will give proper distinction and honor deserving of our greater Orwigsburg area veterans.

The Hall of Honor will recognize each veteran by proper name and service distinction, allowing for more than 1500 nameplates. A planning committee works monthly to gather names and credentials of those to be honored. Public requests to identify and provide this information have been ongoing since the inception of the project. Local veterans yet to be identified can still be taken by contacting Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Business, non-profit organizations and individual/family contributors to the project will also be recognized in the Veterans Foyer.



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## Memorial Hall

The Taskforce sincerely thanks area veterans who have helped in the planning and design phases of the Memorial Hall renovation, first for their service to our country and, secondly, for their dedication and volunteer service to the Taskforce and the Borough to ensure appropriate recognition.

Plans for the completion of this area are in their final stages. Construction work should begin early next year. Finally, the Schuylkill Masonic Lodge has been restoring the original clock that adorned the County Court House when it was located on the Orwigsburg Square. The clock will be on display inside the Veterans Foyer.

Additional items remaining to be completed include kitchen improvements, final paving on the parking lot, upgrading rear building access, exterior lighting, improvements to the veterans monument located across Grove Street from the Hall, and additional amenities such as a sound system.

Nearing completion, this wonderful community building will honor all area veterans. Orwigsburg is a special town and Veterans Community Memorial Hall will be a special gathering place for our community to utilize and enjoy for many, many years.

The Veterans Development Taskforce continues to seek contributions. Send donations to Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

– Robert S. Carl, Jr. Taskforce President

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### News Submittals

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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Team Orwigsburg

There are presently 25 active members of Team Orwigsburg, a local faith-based mission group with a desire to "heal hearts and homes" here in Schuylkill County and beyond. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Salem Church, S. Liberty St.



The mission team will hold a soup and bake sale from Salem Church on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to

noon. A variety of baked goods will be offered and homemade soups, sold by the quart, will benefit Team Orwigsburg.

A purse and jewelry sale, benefiting Salem Church, will be held at the same time.

New faces are always welcome at Team Orwigsburg meetings and events. In addition to helping with home repairs or other needs for those in need locally throughout the year, its mission of healing hearts and homes takes a yearly week-long trip to areas hit by flooding or other natural devastation.

Interested to find out more? Contact Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103. New members with

construction skills - roofing, carpentry, electricians, plumbers, and general helpers - are needed. You must be at least 18 years of age, attend regular meetings, willing to help raise funds, and pass security clearances.

## Soon ready for Social Security?

Individuals eligible or nearing eligibility to receive Social Security benefits are invited to attend a seminar explaining considerations and steps you may want to take. The seminar will be held at the Orwigsburg Library, 216 W. Independence St., on Wednesday, Nov. 20 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by Melissa Valentine, financial adviser at the Orwigsburg office of Edward Jones company, the guest presenter will be Rich Hewlett, regional vice president for Pacific Life. The seminar is free, but registration is requested by calling the Edward Jones office at 570-968-4187 by Monday, Nov. 18.

## Holly Trail coming Dec. 7

The 37th annual Holly Trail - This eagerly anticipated event is a wonderful holiday season tradition in Orwigsburg for almost as long as the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library has been in existence. Always held the first Saturday of December - this year Dec. 7 - from noon to 4 p.m. and always prior to the town's Festival of Lights and arrival of Santa Claus that evening. Tickets can be advance purchased at the Library, 216 W. Independence St.



What started as a quaint Library event blossomed to involve the town and surrounding communities. Families open their doors to share the splendor, businesses offer their support, and local churches graciously invite neighbors of all faith to come together and celebrate this glorious time.

This fellowship continues to grow as Kimmels Church hosts the Holly Trail Tea and Wreath Raffle filling its space with music and merriment. If you

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### *Please help the Food Pantry*

When planning meals and get-togethers for family and friends during the upcoming November/December holidays, give a thought to the needy in our area who may go hungry during this same time.

Help the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry (OAFP) with a donation of money, food, or your time. The Pantry offers three budget-friendly options that make it easy to help.

- Sponsor A Food Box - Each pantry box costs \$30. Make your check payable to the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry and mail or deliver in person to the OAFP c/o St. John's UCC, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg, PA 17961.
- Do-It-Yourself Box - Buy your own food items, box them, and drop off at the church office on Monday from 9 a.m. to noon; or, on Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each box should contain 1 can of corn, peas, or carrots; 1 can of green beans,



lima beans, or red beets; 1 can of yams, sweet potatoes, or sauerkraut; 1 can of tuna fish, spam, chicken or ham; 1 can of pasta, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.; 3 cans of fruit (pears, peaches, or mixed fruit), 1 jar of peanut butter; 1 jar of jelly/jam; 1 jar of spaghetti sauce; 1 box of Mac 'n' Cheese; 1 box of cereal; 1 box of spaghetti noodles; 1 roll of paper towels; 2 rolls of toilet paper.

- Donate Your Time - The Food Pantry welcomes volunteers. Supervised youth under 18 years of age can help with sorting and box preparation on scheduled days each month. Adults are needed on those days and for distribution on the third Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. John's UCC.

Holidays may affect the normal schedule of work times. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, if you are in need of food, or to help in any way.

### *Rental properties*

Orwigsburg Ordinance #432 establishes requirements for owners of rental properties in the Borough. This ordinance can be referenced on the Borough website: [www.Orwigsburg.gov](http://www.Orwigsburg.gov) under "Government - Ordinances".

Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling and dwelling units, must be registered with the Borough each year

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between January 1 and February 28, and upon any change in the occupancy of the property dwelling unit(s). Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the Borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$140 for the first unit, \$75 for the second, and \$55 for each additional unit per address. Upon inspection approval for habitation, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. No person shall operate a rental property unless a valid certificate has been issued. Any newly designated rental unit is required to have an initial inspection at a cost of \$380.

Owners/landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property and provide all contact information. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

All owners of rental units shall provide for and designate a location for storage of trash and recycling containers on the rental property to be an area other than the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Additional requirements for owners and tenants are detailed in the ordinance.

## ***Veterans Day "on the square"***

Residents and visitors are asked to devote time

on Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. - to remember and honor veterans and current armed services personnel.



Always held the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a parade and service - conducted jointly by Orwigsburg's James Steele

American Legion Post 369 and the Joseph W. Morrison Post 2198 Veterans of Foreign Wars - will take place at Bicentennial Park at the western end of Centre Square at North Liberty St. and West Market St.

## ***Proper disposal of Old Glory***

Used flags may be brought to the Borough Office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of Borough Hall.

## ***Community Thanksgiving church service***

Present and former residents, family members, and college students returning for the Thanksgiving holiday are reminded a community-wide Thanksgiving Eve church service will be hosted this year by Salem United Methodist Church, 133 S. Liberty St., on Wednesday, Nov. 27 beginning at 7 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

## ***Borough holiday schedule***

Orwigsburg Borough will close its office and service departments in observance of these upcoming holidays - Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day); Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29 (Thanksgiving); Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25 (Christmas); and Wednesday, Jan. 1 (New Years Day).

## ***Toys for Tots collection boxes***

Warm your heart and spirit this holiday season. When shopping for Christmas gifts to give to family members and friends, consider purchasing a toy or other item to help a needy youngster better enjoy this joyous time of year.



Orwigsburg Borough Hall once again will be an official, authorized drop-off location for the Toys for Tots campaign in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps League. Clean, new, and unwrapped toys will be accepted beginning early November through December 18 in the special collection box located at the first floor foyer area at Borough Hall, 209 N. Warren St.

A number of other Orwigsburg area businesses



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will also have drop-off collection boxes. Look for the Toys for Tots logo on the boxes.

### ***Bethlehem Live!***



The Lighthouse Church, Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane, invites all to experience the marketplace in Bethlehem during the birth of Jesus Christ, recreated

live on the church grounds and within on two nights leading up to Christmas - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20-21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

See the wise men and touch their camel. Talk to the shepherds tending their flock. Ask Joseph and Mary what they know; catch a glimpse of an angel, and warm up with a bowl of hot soup in the Inn while you enjoy the music of Christmas.

Bethlehem Live returns to The Lighthouse Church after a number of years absence. Families and children of all ages are welcome to travel along and experience the bustling Inn of Bethlehem with soothing music, tasty refreshments, the birth of a Savior, and a family experience you'll never forget! Admission is free.

### ***Declared "Snow Emergency"***

Three years ago Orwigsburg Borough reduced the number of designated "Snow Emergency" streets in order for the snow plow crews to efficiently stay ahead of major snowfalls. Fewer snow emergency streets also mean less stress for many residents by not having to move their vehicles off the street right away ... and, if they are required, will have convenient streets allowing parking.

The designated "Snow Emergency" routes are: all of East and West Market streets, including both sides of Centre Square; South Liberty Street from Rt. 61 to Market, and North Washington Street from the blinker light to the Borough line.

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During a snow and/or ice event, the Mayor of Orwigsburg may declare an official "Snow Emergency." Residents will be made aware of the emergency by notice posted to the Borough website and Facebook page, through announcements on radio stations WPPA-AM and WAVT-FM, and by notice in the Republican Herald daily newspaper.



Households registered with the Borough's direct notification system - Swiftreach 911 - will receive a phone call with a pre-recorded message from the Borough, an email, or text message depending on which method was requested. If you have not already done so, add your contact information via the Swiftreach link on the home page of the Borough website: [Orwigsburg.gov](http://Orwigsburg.gov).



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Vehicles not removed, in violation of the emergency procedure, will be ticketed and will be towed. The vehicle owner is responsible for all towing costs. Ignorance of the declared emergency is not an excuse. It's your responsibility to find out.

## Winter fire prevention tips

The Orwigsburg Fire Department and its Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman wish residents, businesses, and visitors an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy and safe new year. To help ensure that wish, the emergency responders urge all to heed the following fire prevention measures.

- Have your furnace, chimneys, and vents serviced by a certified technician at the beginning of the heating season.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors/alarms and test them monthly.
- The nation returned to Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 3. The time change of clocks in your home is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you haven't done this, do it now!
- Always cover your fireplace with a screen to prevent flying sparks and embers. Do not burn trash or Christmas wrapping paper in fireplaces.
- Beware of lit candles.

Although they look very nice from the outside, candles are one of the leading causes of fire in the winter months.

- Space heaters are secondary heat sources and should be used in that manner with particular precautions. When using a space heater, keep all combustibles, pets, and children away from the heater. A heater's use should be monitored at all times. Adding fuel to space heaters should not be done indoors and only when the unit has cooled.

Statistics show that every day, seven people die and 36 are injured in home fires, most in the absence of working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives. More than \$7 billion in property damage results from structure fires each year.

## Holiday refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly collection of refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside collection is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street. Up to six bags of trash are allowed each week.

Pickup will be delayed one day for residents with Friday pickup due to the Thanksgiving holiday. That





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pickup for properties south of Market Street will be on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Christmas and New Year holidays fall on a Wednesday this year. Tuesday collection on December 24 and December 31 will not be affected. Normal Friday pickup both weeks will move to Saturday, Dec. 28 during Christmas week and Saturday, January 4 in the new year.

Cut Christmas trees will be picked up curbside on scheduled days, a part of your normal trash collection, after the holidays. Trees should be void of ornaments, stands, or needle collection bags.

### Single Stream Recycling program

The Borough and County Waste Recycling, LLC have prepared updated definitions of the items that can be recycled in our biweekly recycling collection program.



A handy chart of typical recyclable items and a description of the overall program was distributed last November as an insert with *Orwigsburg Happenings*. If you have misplaced this insert or need another, printed copies are still available at the Borough Office or by viewing and download from the Borough website, [Orwigsburg.gov](http://Orwigsburg.gov).

Compliance with these changes by most residents has significantly improved the quality of Orwigsburg's

recycling. County Waste has requested that we follow three of the guidelines more closely.

- All items placed in the bin are to be loose, no bagging!
- No styrofoam; it is not a recyclable in their program.
- Be careful not to accidentally put wet items, trash, or garbage in the recycle bin.

Fall and spring are good times to rinse out the recycle bin. Flush it out and let it dry before placing recyclables back in.

### Disposal of leaves and yard waste



Your curbside trash collection/disposal allows up to 10 bags of leaves each week. Sticks and branches should be broken in short pieces and bundled/tied together and placed beside your trash for normal pickup.

Leaves and debris in the street gutter of your property are your responsibility and must be raked and bagged for collection. If residents fail to clean their street gutter, the debris will clog storm drains and present a hazard.

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## Monthly large item pickup

One large item (furniture, etc.) may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north, and the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Nov.	12	15
Dec.	10	13
Jan.	14	17
Feb.	11	14
March	10	13

### LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Residents should place the large item at the curb anytime after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place these items, your weekly trash, and bi-weekly recycling container.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector. Contact County Waste at 570-874-3047.

## Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces

Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meet-

ing, or other gathering?

Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is available for rent. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. Indoors, facilities at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall can be rented.

For further details and to lock in your reservation at either, call the Borough Office at 570-366-3103.

## In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in the recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker - stationary & folding
- Hospital bed - manual & electric
- Cane - single and multi-legged
- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

## Used eyeglasses can be recycled

Lions International and all of its local Lions Club affiliates focus on eye/sight conservation as part of their global mission. The Orwigsburg Lions Club has an Eyeglass Collection Receptacle (mailbox-like, but specially marked for eyeglasses) located outside the front entrance to Heiser's Hardware store on West Market Street. A collection box is also located at the service desk of Boyer's Food Market.

## Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at [Orwigsburg.gov](http://Orwigsburg.gov) or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

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Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961,

or deposited in the 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to Borough Hall.

Questions concerning these payment options may be directed to [kmengel@orwigsburg.gov](mailto:kmengel@orwigsburg.gov) or call 570-366-3103.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with

Orwigsburg Borough. Have accounts up-to-date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.

## State Rep. Jerry Knowles

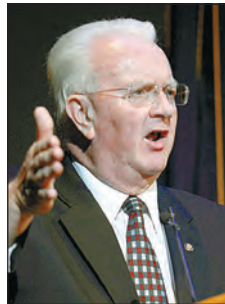
### Helping Vets and Firefighters

The state House of Representatives will be voting on my legislation to eliminate a licensee surcharge to our national veterans' organizations and volunteer fire companies.

House Bill 1048 would amend Act 39 of 2016 that requires a \$700 renewal surcharge for all licenses that are renewed or validated on an annual basis. This applies to all restaurants, hotels, clubs, breweries, importing distributors, distributors and eating-place retail dispensers.

This surcharge is financially burdensome. My legislation would only exempt veterans' and firefighter organizations from this increase in hopes they can continue to be viable assets to their community.

The bill has bipartisan support and I am hoping it passes the House so that it can go onto the Senate for its consideration.



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# Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association

## Events Going Strong; New Project Ideas Wanted

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) warm weather events - Farm-to-Square in August and Heritage Day in September - seem like ancient history, but have already been circled on the 2020 calendar. Our annual Membership Mixer was held this past spring.

OBPA-sponsored community events for the upcoming holiday season are now in the works.

- Small Business Saturday is an important day - November 30 - in the hustle-and-bustle Christmas shopping season that typically revs up during the weekend after Thanksgiving. Residents and visitors are encouraged to "shop locally" as many businesses will open their doors with locally produced arts and crafts items, specially priced merchandise, refreshments, and so much more.

Up-to-the-minute information and a listing of participating locations will be shared on our Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association Facebook page and group.

- Orwigsburg Festival of Lights will be held Saturday,

Dec. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. "on the square." This traditional event features the songs and sounds of the season while offering our community a chance to celebrate together.

The Blue Mountain High School Band, Blue Mountain Chamber Singers and the Blue Mountain Middle School Show Choir will all be on hand to entertain. Hot food and homemade goodies will be available on the Community Lot, prepared by the Orwigsburg Lions Club.

Youngsters will be able to create holiday crafts. Santa will make an early visit to Orwigsburg, arriving via horse-drawn

trolley following the tree lighting by the town's lamplighter. The public is encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for the Borough's Toys for Tots drive as a way of spreading holiday cheer!

OBPA enjoys a strong membership of 84 for the current 2019/2020 fiscal year. Business owners who are not a member as yet are encouraged to join. We are all stronger when combining our efforts and building an active community.

Not a business owner? Any resident of the greater Orwigsburg area is gladly welcomed to get involved. OBPA's mission for the coming year is to bolster its community involvement. Details are being finalized for an event to involve non-business related residents. If interested, email us at [orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com](mailto:orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com) or contact Orwigsburg Borough Hall at 570-366-3103 to get contact with a board member.

### Community improvement projects

Finally, as our way of wrapping up our 2019 calendar year, OBPA is actively seeking needs or worthwhile projects to continue its desire to build this community. In years past, OBPA has improved the downtown area by providing new garbage/recycling receptacles and a new way-finding sign at the Community Lot on Centre Square.



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# Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association



If you see a need that OBPA can assist to better our town for all, please contact us. Through joint cooperation of ideas, events, and projects in the past, we've grown our relationship with the Orwigsburg Lions, Women Who Care, Team Orwigsburg, Friendship Hose Co., Orwigsburg Historical Society and the Orwigsburg Library.

OBPA is a part of the Veterans Memorial Task Force 300 Club donation program and routinely has a representative at the monthly Borough Council meetings. As part of our plan to build a bridge to the future, OBPA established a Young Entrepreneurs Academy (offered by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and

hosted at Penn State Schuylkill) scholarship for local youth and created a business/community scholarship for deserving Blue Mountain High School students.

The Borough and OBPA are partnering to foster ideas for structural improvements, including the eventual installation of electricity at the Community Lot on Centre Square where many town celebrations are held.

OBPA encourages fresh ideas for improvements from individuals/businesses and enthusiastically welcomes new members. If not able to join in either, maybe you will purchase one of our unique, colorful T-shirts and spread the word about our organization.

Whatever your interest, you can learn more at our website, [Orwigsburgbusiness.org](http://Orwigsburgbusiness.org) or visit our Facebook page @TheOBPA.

- Liz Brensinger, OBPA President

## SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or [kmengle@orwigsburg.gov](mailto:kmengle@orwigsburg.gov)

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# Orwigsburg Police Department

## Officers Don't Have Authority to Act on All Disputes

The Orwigsburg Police Department functions as a full-service agency for the people it serves – meaning we don't consider any issue to be beneath us.

Of course we protect by enforcing the law and responding to emergencies, but when someone calls us, we serve by helping in any way we are able – whether it be changing tires, jump starting vehicles, unlocking cars, etc. But there are certain times when we simply have no power or authority to act.

Such instances are typically in matters of civil law. Civil law deals with disputes between individuals or organizations, while criminal law deals with crime.

Just because something is illegal, doesn't necessarily mean it is a crime. For instance, a violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is not something for which you would call the local police. If one called the police because a wheelchair ramp is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),

we would turn it over to our zoning officer.

Here are the most common civil law issues people face, but the police are unable to help because officers do not have authority.

### *Child custody disputes*

Often times for one reason or another, a parent won't hand over custody of a child despite an oral or written custody agreement. Police do not have any authority in these matters and we cannot force one to relinquish custody of the child. The most we can do is make sure the child is not in immediate danger and that he/she has adequate food, shelter, and clothing.

### *Landlord/tenant issues*

Perhaps a landlord has a tenant who has wrecked or damaged a dwelling. Or maybe he/she is behind on rent for months on end. Assuming there is a written lease agreement, the owner/landlord does have recourse to recoup money for damaged property or to evict. However, that action is not through the local police department; but, rather by contacting the office of the local District Judge who can initiate proceedings.

### *Property disputes*

Sometimes when partners separate, there is disagreement over who owns what. Even if one were to provide a receipt for an item showing that they themselves paid for it, it is typically considered shared or marital property. We cannot force one or the other to return property in these specific instances.

In addition to tangible property disputes, we do not enforce property lines. If someone cuts down a tree that you claim is on your property, even if you showed us a survey of the land, we do not possess the authority to act.

This is not an exhaustive list, but rather meant to demonstrate the most common civil law issues people report. As police, we deal with criminal law for which we have received extensive training.

We also receive some instruction in civil law; but, that pretty much boils down to, "We don't handle it." For any instance that deals with civil law, we tell people to contact an attorney, as it is not a police matter.

Often times people get upset with us when we don't immediately arrest their ex, tenant, or neighbor for a perceived wrong. The police can only act for violations of criminal law. In other matters, an attorney is the best person to help you.

In any event, please know that you may contact the Orwigsburg Police Department if you have questions. Even if we can't help you, we can point you to someone who can!

– Officer Robert Bechtel, Orwigsburg P.D.





## State Senator David G. Argall

### Art Destinations in Orwigsburg ... and Beyond!

As the days get colder, look to some of Schuylkill County's local art destinations for creative gifts and fun excursions from winter's elements. I will be showcasing three of these locations - The Arts Barn, Walk in Art Center, and Tamaqua Community Arts Center - in my December edition of The Argall Report. The galleries at these locations offer wonderful opportunities to enjoy the creativity of artists from Schuylkill County and surrounding areas.

**The Arts Barn** - Located just outside Orwigsburg off Second Mountain Road, The Arts Barn was founded by Deborah Cooper. She was inspired to open the shop to provide artists in the area a place to display their craft, instead of storing it in their homes when between art shows.

When The Arts Barn first opened, there were only six artists who had their work on display. Now more than 140 artists display their creations with varying styles and genres from around the state. More artists are being added all the time! Visit their website to learn more.

**Walk In Art Center** - Located on the Parkway in Schuylkill Haven, the Walk In Art Center was origi-

nally created to showcase the creativity of artists in the region and demonstrate to visitors the positive impacts that art can have on a person's life.

The Walk In Art Center sponsors a variety of different events throughout the year, such as the annual Folk Art Festival, Summer Camps for children of all ages, and even a Holiday Market! This year's Holiday Market will take place December 6 and 7, featuring handmade art, jewelry, holiday décor, a food sale, and much more. Visit their website to learn more.

**Tamaqua Community Arts Center** - This intriguing venue hosts a vast array of events and attractions for community members of all ages, from art classes to concerts to monthly exhibits of PA artists.

Located in a former church, the Center was repurposed at the beginning of the decade with the intention of using it to provide a platform for the arts and culture of the region.

Next time you are wondering what to do on a Saturday afternoon, check out one of these great galleries and experience the culture of Schuylkill County. And, don't forget to watch for the upcoming edition of the Argall Report to see my interviews with some of the dedicated people who pour their lives into supporting these beautiful parts of our community. The show is available on my website: [www.senatorargall.com/](http://www.senatorargall.com/)



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—Sidney Sheldon

The leaves have fallen and the sun is setting earlier, but there are still plenty of good reasons to venture out and see what is happening at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library.

### **Regular weekly programming**

The Library hosts favorite programming for a wide variety of interests. Book Club meets the last Monday of the month; those that knit, crochet and other handiwork gather Tuesday evenings.

Wednesdays are so busy we need to divide the month into weekly club meetings: Mahjongg is played on the first and third Wednesdays; Lego Club builds on the second Wednesday; and Media Madness meets on the fourth Wednesday to discuss movies, television shows and whatever comes to mind or out of mind.

Thursdays feature a new addition – Color with Chris – on the first Thursday at 4 p.m. in addition to existing favorites – Chess Club, Art Club for Tweens, Teens & Adults.

Gypsy, a beautiful Husky, visits on the third Thursday of the month. She is a therapy dog-in-training to become licensed and is available for young and old to read to. Sign up for ten-minute time slots between 6 and 7 p.m.

Those wanting to learn how to play Mahjongg can visit on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.

### **New activities to excite**

Mastering Manifestation is a new age enlightenment discussion group meeting on the first Monday each month from 6 to 7 p.m.



Little Folk Programs include Storytime on Tuesday mornings, Lapsit for toddlers on Thursday morning; and Play K on Friday mornings for pre-kindergarten youngsters.

Saturdays feature a Building Block Party, Adult Crafting, children's Storytime, and a surprise event on the fourth Saturday of the month.

That's just the regular stuff. There's plenty more happening here at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library! You really need to come in and see what there is for you – because there really is something for everyone! Schedules and additional information can be found online at [www.orwigsburglibrary.org](http://www.orwigsburglibrary.org) and follow on Facebook or call 570-366-1638.

### **Seasonal and timely special programs**

The American Red Cross will host a "Be Ready" program on Thursday, Nov. 14 called the "Pillowcase Disaster Preparedness Project." Anyone interested for the 6 p.m. program is asked to register in advance by calling the Library to ensure that there will be enough supplies and handouts.

Are you approaching Social Security age? The Orwigsburg office of Edward Jones will host an information seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 20 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program is free to all, but attendees are asked to register by contacting the Edward Jones office in advance.

Always an enjoyable day is the Orwigsburg Holly Trail. This year is the 37th annual trek with ticket sales funding ongoing programming for the Library. The Holly Trail will be on Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m.

A Kids' Holiday Program will be held at the Library on Thursday, Dec. 12 beginning at 6 p.m.



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# Christmas & Holiday Safety Tips

Christmas and the holidays are an exciting and busy time; but, with all the joys of the holiday season come potential safety hazards that can cause injury or even death. Help prevent injuries at Christmas and during the holidays by following these tips.

## Christmas trees

Christmas tree safety begins with the selection and purchase of a fresh tree. When buying a live pre-cut tree, make sure the tree is still alive and healthy. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from the branches, and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.

## Toy and child safety

Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety hazards for younger children.

Clean up immediately after a holiday party. A toddler could rise early and choke on leftover food or come in contact with alcohol or tobacco. Remember that the homes you visit may not be childproofed.

Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed. If you place your child in a shopping cart, always use the safety belt and never let your child stand in or push a shopping cart. Include helmets and other protective gear when giving bicycles, skates, or skateboards.

## Fireplace and home safety

Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from the fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open. Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

Santa comes down the chimney, not through the door or windows. Keep those locked and your blinds drawn when you aren't home or are sleeping or otherwise occupied.

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# Orwigsburg Historical Society

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### **Eagle Scout Project**

Orwigsburg resident and Boy Scout, Daniel Morrow, completed his Eagle Scout project at the OHS recently. Danny's ambitious project included landscaping, repointing brickwork at the "Old Jail," painting, and grounds beautification.

### **Drainage issues, oil burner trouble**

Five months ago, the society's headquarters experienced flooding in its basement -AGAIN! This is the fourth time the oil burner has been "under water" within the last three years. As a result of the basement flooding, both oil tanks were damaged along with the burner.

The cost of repairing the damage will be a little over \$8,000. This is not something the Society was prepared for, nor budgeted for, so any assistance from the residents of Orwigsburg would be most appreciated.

### **Heritage Day Scavenger Hunt**

Visitors to the OHS on Heritage Day this year had

a little fun (and were challenged) while learning about the history and heritage of Orwigsburg.

Many visitors enjoyed viewing new displays of artifacts and photos while learning a little bit about the beautiful little town of Orwigsburg. Our first two winners of the "Historical Heritage Scavenger Hunt" were Borough Manager Randy Miller and his wife along with life-long resident and Borough Council member Angela Hoptak-Solga. Way to go Orwigsburg Borough!

### **Did you know?**

While doing research in the Orwigsburg Historical Society collection, some very interesting items about Schuylkill County and Orwigsburg firefighting history have been revealed.

- The Borough of Orwigsburg had an organized and equipped fire company as early as 1828, the first in Schuylkill County.
- Meetings were held monthly and roll was called with all absentees being fined for their absences.
- The first fire fought by the Orwigsburg Fire Company was at the home of George Reed on November 26, 1828.
- In December of that same year, the company purchased an engine, which was transported by canal boat on the Schuylkill River for a sum of \$1.85.

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# A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

## The Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church, located along Route 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg, is excited to enter a new season. Regular Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with contemporary worship, a children's program and a time of fellowship afterwards.



Bethlehem Live returns to The Lighthouse Church on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 20 and 21 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is invited to take a journey back in time this holiday season to experience the splendor, grandeur, and the meaning of Christmas!

Families and children of all ages are welcome to travel along and experience the bustling Inn of Bethlehem with soothing music, tasty refreshments, the birth of a Savior, and a family experience you'll never forget! Admission is free.

Detailed information about Bethlehem Live, our Christmas Eve service, and upcoming events can be

found on our website [www.thelighthousechurch.com](http://www.thelighthousechurch.com) or by calling the office at 570-366-1300.

## Zions Red Church

Welcome to Zion's Red Church, the oldest congregation in the heart of southern Schuylkill County.

Located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61) off Brick Hill Road, we are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ. Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Melber, Jr.

The season of Advent begins Sunday, Dec. 1. It is a time for all to prepare in our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Incarnation - God

with us, among us, and for us. Through the Word of God and song, we join together in praising the God

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
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Sunday, December 22 - 4 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE**  
5:00 p.m. (Family Service)  
9 and 11 p.m. - Candle lighting and the Sacrament of Holy Communion at each service.

**COMMUNITY HYMN SING**  
Sunday, January 26 - 4 p.m.



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who does so much for us that we cannot help but respond in love.

Our response to God is enhanced by your presence among us. Join us in worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., leading up to a festive celebration of music, light, and story on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 7. The church will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring gently-used Christmas or winter seasonal decorations and vendors displaying their merchandise. Cookies, baked goods, hot foods, and snacks will be available along with a variety of baskets and gift cards to be raffled. A special early visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus is expected, offering an opportunity for youngsters to visit from noon to 2 p.m. View our beautiful sanctuary that will be decorated for the Christmas season.

Contact our church office at 570-366-1178 for more information about Sunday services, Bible study sessions, or other events. You can find us online at [zionsredchurch.com](http://zionsredchurch.com) or join our Facebook page.

## Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty and Independence meet at 133 S. Liberty St. - offers three unique worship services each Sunday - a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45, and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome at all our worship times and community events.

SNL is currently on hiatus as lay leader Brenda Binns is recovering from an illness. Similarly, Brenda's "Eat, Pray and Color" hour of fellowship each week at The Cake Pros in Schuylkill Haven will be discontinued until her return.

Keep Brenda in your thoughts and prayers as she goes through this tough time. We will keep you updated on the return of these events.

A new pregnancy/infant loss support group meets on the third Monday of each month. Contact Amanda Wessner at 570-449-3283.

Upcoming Family Movie Nights will be featured Fridays on Dec. 6 (Polar Express) and Jan. 10 (Smallfoot). Movies start at 5:30 p.m. with supper, drinks, snacks and, of course, fresh popcorn provided at this free event. Check our web page or the white board sign for upcoming events.

TEAM Orwigsburg will hold its annual Soup/Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Joining them this year will be the UMWomen holding a Purse/Jewelry Sale. Get some great food and purses and jewelry at low prices, just in time for the holidays. The UMW give all their raised funds to local and global missions. The TEAM event is a fundraiser for all their mission activities.

November offers many unique worship opportunities at Salem. Veterans will be recognized and honored on Sunday, Nov. 10 prior to Veterans Day. We give thanks for our blessings on Thank Offering Sunday, Nov. 24, supporting our local food pantry





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- Church & Sun. School at 10 a.m. w/Coffee Hour following
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with monetary gifts and food. The community-wide Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Salem Church this year on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

Sundays in December and throughout the Christmas season are filled with activities, beginning on December 1 with the Advent Workshop from 4 to 6 p.m. This free event starts with supper followed by make-and-take craft projects for the entire family. December 8 is our Christmas Bell Sunday provided by The God Squad at both morning worship times.

December 15 features a Welcome Winter Breakfast at 10 a.m. Enjoy a meal after the early worship service or before the 10:45 service. Join Salem Church members on December 22 to sing carols at area nursing homes. The group will leave the church at 1 p.m. Contact the church office for more information at 570-366-0201.

Looking for a church to worship on Christmas Eve? Salem offers three unique worship services that are open to all. It starts at 4 p.m. for people with young children, those who don't want to be out at night, or those that have evening family activities. This is followed at 7 p.m. when our Praise Band plays. Finally, a 9 p.m. service for the traditionalist. All three worship times end with a candle lighting service to represent the Light of Christ coming into our dark world. Salem Church has an open heart policy and all are welcome here.

In the new year, a Pot Pie Dinner will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 18 beginning at 5 p.m. until sold out. A Soup and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our mission at Salem Church is TLC - Transforming lives through Christ, sharing Christ's Love, and serving others through Christ. If you are searching and seeking, we welcome you to visit us and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ.

## St. John's UCC



St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg welcomes everyone regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Worship services are at 10 a.m. every Sunday with commu-

nion served on the first Sunday of every month. Children's Sunday school, for ages kindergarten through sixth grade, is held following the children's sermon.

St. John's hosts many community groups, including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, a Diakon Senior Services

exercise group, yoga classes and Team Orwigsburg dinners. The Fellowship Center is available to rent for private parties (no alcohol). Phone the church office at 570-366-2255 for more information.

Trena Murphy directs the outstanding music activities of St. John's. The Christmas Cantata - "All is Well" - will be performed Sunday, Dec. 15 at the 10 a.m. service. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24. All have a personal invitation to enjoy these beautiful programs.

St. John's will be one of the featured stops on this year's Orwigsburg Holly Trail, coordinated by the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library, and scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. Nativity displays from around the world - owned by church members - will be on display in the large Sunday school room during the Trail.

The annual Christmas cookie sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, benefiting the mission work of St. John's Church. Doors open at 9 a.m. and sell-out happens quickly!

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed in St. John's with eight area churches contributing to the collection and distribution of food on the third Saturday of every month. Volunteers and donations of canned food are always needed. Phone the church office at 570-366-2255 for information and a return call.

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## Salem United Methodist Church



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**The God Squad Holiday Handbells  
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**Welcome Winter Breakfast  
Sunday, Dec. 15 - 10 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve Worship  
Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 4, 7, and 9 p.m.**

**Bible Study Opportunities - See Church Web Page**

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## Faith Church

The fresh crisp smell of fall is in the air, trees are showing their beautiful autumn colors, and football season is well underway. It's also an exciting time at Faith Church, 1166 Centre Turnpike next to Ark Rentals.



We welcome everyone each Sunday to our Celebration Service at 10 a.m., providing child care and classes for all age groups, birth through high school, during the service. We are thrilled to come together to sing praises to God as our Worship Band leads us in congregational singing every Sunday.

Pastor Doug Cresswell is currently preaching on 40 Days of Prayer, which also happens to be our current church campaign. All small groups are involved in this campaign so everyone - church-wide - is studying the same material and thought for discussion.

Faith is now live-streaming our services for those unable to join us in person. You can view these live at [www.atfaithchurch.com](http://www.atfaithchurch.com) every Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. If you miss the live service, all services recorded by our IT team and message outlines are available on the website under "weekly messages." You are also able to fill out an online Faith Connect card to get in touch with Pastor Doug, or get more information about a particular ministry at Faith.

Driving by our location on Route 61 South, you can see our Mission Statement on the sign out front - "Loving God, Loving People and Serving the Community." We do our best to live by that statement by developing nearly 40 active outreach ministries.

Our LIFE ministry deals with depression and suicide issues. From the Women @ Faith, M.U.S.C.L.E. (our Men's ministry program), Fortress Cancer Care, Hope Initiative, Grief Share ministries and one of our strongest ministries - Faith Touch - we have many people who are actively helping folks in need in our church and community and we can use your help.

Heart of Faith is a brand-new ministry bringing our church family closer together. Heart of Faith will strive to make closer bonds and better fellowship while supporting each other in every situation.

With the holidays quickly approaching, a canned goods drive will help support the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. Christmas tree decorating for those in need and a Quiet Christmas service will be held on December 11. This service is for those who may be hurting from a loss or sickness or any number of reasons that make Christmas time difficult.

We at Faith are excited for the coming months. Much is on the agenda and want to welcome you and your family to join us for a service or to get involved in a ministry. Come together to build God's Kingdom.

## St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family each Sunday and especially during the coming Advent and Christmas season. All church activities and events are posted on the website at [www.stpauls-orwigsburg](http://www.stpauls-orwigsburg), follow posts on our Facebook page at: StPaulsOrwigsburg or call the church office at 570-366-2316.

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The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili and Soup Sale on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. "on the square" in Orwigsburg at the Community Lot.

Don't miss the beautiful annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 22, featuring St. Paul's Chancel and Bell choirs at 4 p.m.

With three Christmas Eve worship services,

one is sure to suit your schedule. A family service, perfect for those with youngsters, will begin at 5 p.m. A second early night service will begin at 9 p.m. And, a third service to celebrate the arrival of Christmas Day will begin at 11 p.m. Candle lighting and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be enjoyed at each service.

A Community Hymn Sing is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran on Sunday, Jan. 26 beginning at 4 p.m.

## Kimmels Church

As colder weather approaches, Kimmels Church would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!



Be our guest at this year's Holly Trail as Kimmels Church will again be the traditional "tea and cookies" stop for the Orwigsburg Library's annual fundraiser. Purchase tickets at the Library and plan to stop by the church to take in the sights and sounds of Christmas. Listen to our carolers; have your photo taken with friends in our sleigh; listen to live Christmas music being performed on our stage; enjoy refreshments handmade just for you; and, best of all, let us help you begin to prepare your heart for this coming Christmas season.

All are also invited to any of our Sunday Christmas services beginning Dec. 1 through Dec. 22 as we learn from our series entitled "The Miracle of Christmas." Services begin at 10 a.m. A special Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, Dec. 24 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sing carols, listen to our choir share the message of

Christmas through song, and join in the candle lighting portion of our service as we remember the miracle of Christmas, Jesus Christ and His birth.

Tickets will be on sale the beginning of December for our Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, Feb. 14. The annual event begins at 5:30 p.m., featuring a full course candlelit meal with entertainment by acoustic guitarist and songwriter, Mark Cable.

For mothers of pre-school children, why not join our MOPS group that meets every second and fourth Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Child care is provided by our committed and legally-approved staff. Join other mothers in a time of growing relationships, sharing some laughs and completing crafts. You and your children will have so much fun you would wish it was every week.

For more information about these or other events, visit our website at [kimmelschurch.org](http://kimmelschurch.org) or contact our church office during the week at 570-943-2759.

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# Local Police and Better Business Bureau Alert

## Enjoy Your Holiday; Don't Be a Scam Victim

The holiday season is a time for joy, but your joy may be dashed if a scammer gets hold of your funds. The Better Business Bureau has put together a list of the 12 common scams during the Christmas season.



### 1) *Puppy scams*

Be very careful when buying pets online, especially during the holidays. You can end up with an unhealthy puppy from a puppy mill or nothing at all because that dog never existed and it was all a scam. Always research where you are buying the dog and never wire any money. Be sure to pick up the puppy in person instead of paying someone to ship it.

### 2) *Bad public Wi-Fi*

While Wi-Fi is convenient, it does have risks. Never turn off your firewall, and make sure your antivirus protection is up-to-date whenever you are connected to public Wi-Fi. Scammers are after your money and your identity. Never use public Wi-Fi when you go on social media sites, especially when you use online banking.

### 3) *Grandparents scam*

Senior citizens should be very cautious if they get a call, supposedly from a grandchild claiming to be in an accident, hospitalized or arrested when traveling in another country. Never send any money unless you have confirmed with other family members this is true.

### 4) *Travel scams*

The holidays are the biggest travel days of the year. That means scammers are lurking. Booking online is the most convenient way for many, but a scammer can be on the other end of the computer. Before you book, make sure you are booking through a reputable and verifiable website. Also, be wary of online ads and never wire any money to someone you don't know.

### 5) *Shipping notification phishing*

Scammers take advantage of the online holiday shopping season. They send you fake emails of shipping notifications posing as FedEx, UPS or the postal service.

When you click on the email you find out that the file isn't a shipping notification after all, and a virus just downloaded itself into your computer. Never click on links in unsolicited emails. Keep track of online purchases to any check against emails.

### 6) *Fake charities*

The holiday season is the time for giving and there are many charities out there needing help. Be sure your generosity is indeed going to the right places. Scammers can easily set up fake charities with similar sounding names, and they also solicit via email, social media and by txt. Always research the charity with BBB Wise Giving Alliance at [give.org](http://give.org) to see if that charity meets the 20 Standards for Accountability.

### 7) *Santa scammers*

What's better than a letter from Santa to light up your child's face? Many trusted companies offer charming and personalized letters from Santa, but scammers mimic them to get personal information from unsuspecting parents.

## Christmas Trivia Quiz

1. In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
2. Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life?"
3. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," what was Mr. Scrooge's first name?
4. In the early 1800s, the first gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what famous fairy tale?
5. In the movie "A Christmas Story," what was the name of the next door neighbors whose dogs ate the Christmas turkey?
6. In the 1964 classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," what was the name of Rudolph's faithful elf companion?
7. In the TV special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," what three words best describe the Grinch?
8. What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"
9. "Miracle on 34th Street" centers on what real-life department store?
10. In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?



**Answers:** 1. Silk hat; 2. Jimmy Stewart; 3. Ebenezer; 4. Hansel and Gretel; 5. Bumpuses; 6. Hermey; 7. Stink, stank, stunk; 8. Har! The Herald Angels Sing; 9. Macy's; 10. Turkey



# 12 Common Scams During the Holidays

Always check the website's privacy policies before entering any information to know how it will be used. If you don't see a policy, then leave that website. Keep your computer secure by using firewalls, anti-spyware and antivirus software.

## 8) Unusual forms of payment

Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay for holiday purchases using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers, third parties, etc. These payments can't be traced and undone. Use a credit card on a secure website "https..." (the "s" is for secure) and the lock symbol.

## 9) Look-a-like website

It's easy to recreate a website with familiar logo, so beware when you're shopping online. Some red flags are the webpage is in "http" format (not the secure "https"), no contact information, and even asking for payment by wire or money card. If you're not sure if the site can be trusted, go to bbb.org and read online reviews first.

## 10) Counterfeit goods

Luxury goods at low prices are almost always cheap counterfeits. Handbags, jewelry, watches, fragrances, wallets, and electronic devices are among the top of the list of items counterfeited. Always buy from reputable sellers, and check the web for signs of counterfeit goods.

## 11) Fake callers

The Better Business Bureau sees an increase in phony calls during the holiday season. Callers claim to be from the IRS or a debt collector and try to get personal information. Be wary of unfamiliar numbers and ask questions to confirm their identity.

## 12) Malware E-Cards

E-Cards are a fun way to send holiday greetings, but be careful. Senders like to attach viruses along with them. Don't click on emails from someone you don't know or a name you don't recognize. When in doubt, delete it out.

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## 2019 Remaining Holiday Schedule

*Orwigsburg Borough Offices will be closed the following days*

Monday - November 11th	Veterans Day
Thursday - November 28th	Thanksgiving
Friday - November 29th	
Tuesday - December 24th	Christmas
Wednesday - December 25th	
Wednesday - January 1st	New Year's Day

*We wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season and look forward to a great new year of serving you.*

